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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

1. This Office communication is in response to the reply filed on December 5, 2003.
2. However, the abovementioned reply submitted by the applicant is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the claims are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003 because, at least with regard to claims 5 and 9, the markings do not correctly indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version of these claims (i.e., the version of the claims as originally filed). More particularly, the originally filed version of **neither** of claims 5 and 9 contains the word "kind", yet the amendments to these claims show the word "kind" as being replaced by the word "kink", a word which originally existed in the originally filed version of the claims. The marked-up claims should be thoroughly checked by applicant for any similar additional inconsistencies.

The above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

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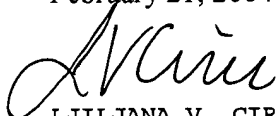
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel, can be reached on (703) 308-1272.

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